

REMARKS/Arguments

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2007, in which a three (3) month Shortened Statutory Period for Response has been set, due to expire July 27, 2007. Claims 19-22 have been canceled. No new matter has been added to the application. No fee for additional claims is due by way of this Amendment. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Upon entry of the amendments herewith, claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-18 remain pending.

1. Interview Summary

Applicant's undersigned attorney discussed the rejection of claims 19 in view of allowed claim 1. No agreement was reached as to what after-final amendments could be made to place claim 19 in condition for allowance. Applicant thanks the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the case and clarify the basis for allowance of claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-18.

2. Acknowledgement of Allowed Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner's for allowance of claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-18, as noted in paragraph 5 of the Office Action.

3. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a)

In the Office Action, at paragraph 2, claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Rogers (U.S. Patent 5,397,991), hereinafter *Rogers*. At paragraph 4, claims 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Rogers* and *Hsu et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,649,289).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 19-22. However, to advance prosecution of the instant application, claims 19-22 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and therefore, the rejection to these claims are rendered moot. Applicant takes this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter

of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate any of the canceled subject matter to the public.

4. Conclusion

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10-18. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Mr. Armentrout by telephone to discuss the above and any other distinctions between the claims and the applied references, if desired. If the Examiner notes any informalities in the claims, she is further encouraged to contact Mr. Armentrout by telephone to expediently correct such informalities.

Respectfully submitted,  
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